

Ordnance Officer Awarded Army's Legion of Merit

For his outstanding service with the office of the field director of ammunition plants, Maj. Preston G. Slachman this week was presented with the Legion of Merit. The office was recently moved to the Joliet arsenal from its former headquarters in St. Louis.

The award was presented to the major by Col. R. R. Klanderman, field director of ammunition plants, in behalf of the secretary of war. The presentation ceremony was conducted at the Joliet Arsenal.

ACCOMPANYING the decoration is a citation which reads: "For exceptional technical ability, creative planning and exceptionally meritorious achievement in performing the responsibilities of his assignment in regard to the supplying of raw materials for the production of powder and explosives; for outstanding performance of duties connected with the successful completion of the xylidene program."

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Maj. Slachman has been serving with the office of the field director of ammunition plants since March 1, 1943. He is a graduate of Cornell university.

At present he and his family are residing on the reservation of the Joliet Arsenal.



Legion of Merit award was presented this week to Maj. Preston G. Slachman (left) for services performed in connection with his duties as a member of the office of the field director of ammunition plants. The office was at St. Louis before being moved to the Joliet Arsenal. Shown making the award to the major is Col. R. R. Klanderman (right), field director of ammunition plants here.